

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

Applicants hereby present the claims, their status in the application, and amendments thereto as indicated:

71. – 78. (Canceled)

79. (Currently amended) A goods dealing apparatus for buying and selling goods by pre-engagement connected to plural seller's terminal devices and plural buyer's terminal devices through a computer network, the apparatus comprising:

first storage means for storing plural pieces of selling information and plural addresses of sellers received from said plural seller's terminal devices and buying information and an address of buyer ~~addresses of buyers~~ received from one of said plural buyer's terminal devices;

second storage means for storing plural pieces of information on distribution ~~costs~~ unit price between two points in accordance with a quantity of shipment; and

~~transmitting means~~ distribution cost management means for, in response to a request for obtaining selling information received from the one of said buyer's terminal devices, ~~obtaining referring to said~~ plural pieces of selling information, said plural addresses of sellers and plural addresses of buyers from said address of buyer stored in said first storage means, and ~~obtaining referring to said~~ plural pieces of information on distribution ~~costs from~~ unit price stored in said second storage means in accordance with said referred plural addresses of sellers and said address of buyer, and calculating ~~the a total amounts amount~~ including distribution costs corresponding to said plural pieces of selling information, based on said referred plural pieces of selling information obtained from said first storage means and said plural pieces of information on distribution unit price costs obtained from said second storage means, and then ~~transmitting the calculated total amounts to said buyer's terminal devices; and~~ transmitting means for transmitting the total amount calculated by said distribution cost management means to the one of said buyer's terminal devices.

80. – 85. (Canceled)

86. (Previously presented) An article of manufacture comprising a computer-readable storage medium that stores a computer program which, when executed, causes a computer to carry out functions associated with the first storage means, the second storage means, and the transmitting means of claim 79.

87. – 89.